TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1255 - SB 1554

March 2, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes local governments to provide public notice by posting on the local government website or using other electronic means such as electronic newspapers or newsletters.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures - Not Significant/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Local governments who choose to provide public notice by posting on the government website are expected to experience a permissive decrease in expenditures of not significant.
- Most of the major newspapers in the state do not have a discounted rate for online public notice advertising. According to the Tennessean newspaper, it has no web-only pricing for legal notices. Public notice ads are published online as a courtesy at no cost or minimal additional cost with publication in print.
- Any cost savings to local government is estimated to be not significant since most newspapers are still requiring print with web publication.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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